

PLANTATION RUBBER INVESTIGATIONS

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARÍA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The interest and desire of the Governments of the United Mexican States and of the United States of America in development of a source of crude rubber has already been expressed in previous correspondence and in active cooperative survey work. It is recognized by both Governments as a result of their studies and surveys that the development of a source of crude rubber must be based on the use of superior strains of *Hevea brasiliensis* if the industry is to be self-sustaining.

The representatives of the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States and those of the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America have consulted and tentatively selected two or three areas suitable for nurseries which can also serve as demonstration plots and centers for distribution of *Hevea brasiliensis*.

In order to make available the desirable strains of *Hevea brasiliensis* and to study and encourage the best methods of cultural practices, the following Memorandum is hereby agreed upon:

THE SECRETARÍA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AGREES:

1. To maintain nurseries and experimental plots at its own expense, furnishing for this purpose fifty hectares of land for nurseries and one hundred hectares of land already planted with *Hevea brasiliensis* for experimental purposes in the region known as "El Palmar" in the State of Veracruz and in other places which may be selected in the future. To assign one or more

¹ EAS 364, *post*, p. 1067.

² EAS 364, *post*, p. 1125.

³ 57 Stat. 1278; EAS 364.

agronomists or other trained representatives who will be responsible for the care and cultivation of said nurseries and experimental plots. With these representatives will cooperate the representatives of the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America in directing and educating the planters in all matters pertaining to the propagation, cultivation and preparation of *Hevea* rubber.

2. To formulate quarantine and other regulations designed to prevent the introduction into Mexico of rubber propagating materials, including seeds, trees and budwood from other countries, excepting such shipments as are duly certified to be free from noxious insects and contagious diseases.

3. To permit, upon request of the United States Department of Agriculture, the importation into or exportation from Mexico of all planting material (seeds, stumps, budwood) or rubber-producing plants which said Department may require for investigations herein contemplated or may desire to ship elsewhere, provided, however, that all such shipments, imports or exports shall be authorized by a duly qualified official of said Department.

4. To facilitate the entry into Mexico, free of all duties or other fees, of all property and materials needed in the proposed cooperative work. A like exemption from duties and fees shall be requested for the personal effects of all employees of the United States Department of Agriculture who are engaged in this cooperative work.

5. To prohibit redistribution of any selected strains of rubber trees furnished by the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America to the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States, to individuals, companies or other governments, except to those individuals, companies or governments who are willing to reciprocate by furnishing such similar material as they may have in their possession; this restriction shall be passed on to any other individual, company or government receiving material to prevent contravening the purpose of this restriction.

This restriction does not apply to extension work that is to be undertaken by the Government of Mexico to develop rubber plantations within the territory of the United Mexican States. Farmers receiving selected strains should, however, recognize the obligation of refraining from their transfer to other parties and of introducing in the plantations which they establish any other kind of rubber trees which have not previously been approved by the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AGREES:

1. To furnish to the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States free of charge at its propagating stations or experimental fields, stocks of superior strains of the rubber tree now in its possession, as well as any additional strains collected on surveys or bred at its experiment stations, which, after test by it, are found to be superior. Such distribution will be made at as

early a date and in such quantity as may be possible in accordance with the facilities available for propagation and the equitable demands or requirements of other individuals, companies or governments cooperating in this work.

2. To supply to the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States such investigators and rubber specialists as may be necessary to advise and aid in the establishment of nurseries and the general development of the experimental work, including the direction and education of the planters in proper methods of propagation, planting, cultivation, thinning, tapping, preparation of rubber for market and other operations essential to the proper maintenance and productivity of their plantations. It will also conduct, in cooperation with the Secretaría de Agricultura y Fomento of the United Mexican States, field investigations on specific problems of rubber culture when necessary.

3. To make available for the benefit of the rubber industry in Mexico the results obtained in rubber investigations conducted by its Bureau of Plant Industry.

THE SECRETARIA DE AGRICULTURA Y FOMENTO OF THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MUTUALLY AGREE:

1. That this agreement shall take effect immediately upon completion of the signature of the cooperating parties and shall expire on the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-one, but will renew itself automatically from year to year thereafter (not extending, however, beyond the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and forty-three) provided there be no notification to the contrary from either party, which notification should be expressed in writing by a duly authorized representative, at least one month before the date upon which this agreement would otherwise expire.

2. That this agreement shall not be assigned in whole or in part; that no member or delegate to Congress of the United States of America, or resident commissioner thereof, after his election or appointment, and either before or after he has qualified, and no officer, agent or employee of the Government of the United States of America shall be admitted to any share or part of this agreement, or to any benefits to arise therefrom. The restriction contained in this paragraph shall also apply to the public representatives, officials, and employees of the Government of the United Mexican States.

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